



City of Newport Beach, CA
City Manager's Newsletter

TO: Mayor Henn & Council Members
FROM: Dave Kiff, City Manager
DATE: April 22, 2011

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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April 22, 2011

TO: DAVE KIFF, CITY MANAGER

FROM: Tracy McCraner, Administrative Services Director/Treasurer

SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy McCraner".

GRANT ACTIVITY UPDATE

Below is a table indicating recent grant activity. The "Status Update" column lists actions taken by OMB staff in relationship to each grant.

GRANT	GRANT PURPOSE	STATUS UPDATE
Roberti Z'Berg Harris Grant	Acquisition, development, rehabilitation, and special major maintenance of park and recreation lands and innovative recreation programs	Final paperwork submitted to the State by Recreation staff. Grant is complete pending receipt of final reimbursement payment.
DUI Enforcement & Awareness Grant	Reimbursement of overtime related to DUI enforcement and awareness activities including DUI checkpoints and court stings	Reporting and reimbursement request for quarter ending 3/31/11 has been submitted to the Office of Traffic Safety.
School Resource Officer Program	Reimbursement for ½ of two sworn peace officers to function as school resource officers	Quarterly billing for reimbursement has been mailed to Newport-Mesa Unified School District
COPS 2002 Technology Grant	Development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement with community policing efforts	SF-425 report for quarter ending 3/31/11 has been submitted to the Department of Justice on behalf of ILJAOC.

GRANT	GRANT PURPOSE	STATUS UPDATE
COPS 2003 Technology Grant	Development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement with community policing efforts	SF-425 report for quarter ending 3/31/11 has been submitted to the Department of Justice on behalf of ILJAOC.
COPS 2004 Technology Grant	Development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement with community policing efforts	SF-425 report for quarter ending 3/31/11 has been submitted to the Department of Justice on behalf of ILJAOC.
COPS 2005 Technology Grant	Development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement with community policing efforts	SF-425 report for quarter ending 3/31/11 has been submitted to the Department of Justice on behalf of ILJAOC.
2006 Byrne Grant	Supplement funding for implementation of the countywide case filing system	SF-425 report for quarter ending 3/31/11 has been submitted to the Department of Justice on behalf of ILJAOC.
Energy Efficient Block Grant (ARRA Funds)	Upgrade of City streetlights to be more energy efficient	Report for quarter ending 3/31/11 has been submitted to FederalReporting.gov.

NEW AUDITORS SELECTED

As you know, we were required by Council Policy to go out to bid for auditing services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. We initially received four responses to our Request for Proposal. After a Technical Review, pricing considerations, interviews and reference checks, the Audit Selection Committee recommended the firm of Diehl, Evans & Company, LLP to be the City Auditors for the next four years. Diehl, Evans & Company, LLP is a local firm located in Irvine that specializes in auditing services for municipal and other not for profit clients. They have been in existence for more than 75 years and serving the Governmental Sector since 1950. Most important to the Selection Committee – they received outstanding reference checks from each of their clients with whom we checked. The award of contract will be brought before the Council at their meeting of May 10, 2011.

CURRENT AUDITS

We have an auditor from the State Controller's Office conducting the Gas Tax Street Improvement Fund and Traffic Congestion Relief Fund Audits. You may have seen him working quietly in the lobby conference room. He will be here for another week at the most.

SPECIAL EVENTS TEMPORARY BUSINESS LICENSE

The Revenue Division recognizes the important role that permitted special events play in creating a sense of community. In order to attract a diverse range of special events to the city, and incentivize organizers, vendors, exhibitors or other event service providers, staff will bring a recommendation to the City Council at their April 26th meeting, to create a Special Events Temporary Business License. As an incentive the current apportioned business license tax of \$56.50 per vendor, exhibitor or other event service provider would be suspended and the amount of \$20.00 per vendor, exhibitor, or other event service provider, would be charged. This new process and tax shall only be available for those special events being permitted through Recreation and Senior Services, e.g. - Taste of Newport, Newport Beach Film Festival, Newport Boat Show.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

To: Dave Kiff, City Manager
From: Dana Smith, Assistant City Manager 
Subject: City Manager's Newsletter – CDD Updates
Date: April 22, 2011

Planning Division

New Applications

The following applications were received by the Planning Division:

- A site development review application was submitted for a 12,763-square-foot addition to an existing 17,726-square-foot medical office complex at 1901 Westcliff Drive. The existing medical office complex was designed by master architect Richard Neutra and is considered to be significant historical resource. The applicant and his design team have been working with an architectural historian to produce a proposed design that attempts to minimize impacts to the existing buildings. An environmental impact report will be prepared. (*Mariner's Medical Arts Building*)
- A Planned Community development plan amendment application was submitted to amend the Newport Place Planned Community text to allow new vehicle inventory storage on Hotel Site 2B. The site is currently utilized for outdoor storage of new vehicle inventory associated with Fletcher Jones Motorcars, which was previously approved for a limited duration under Use Permit No. UP2007-001. (*Fletcher Jones Motorcars*)
- A conditional use permit application was submitted for a new restaurant at 111 Palm Street (*Nathan Ung*).
- A minor use permit application was submitted for a gelato shop at 3109 Newport Boulevard (*Whimsical Gelato*).
- A minor use permit application was submitted for a granny unit at 400 Aliso Avenue (*Ibbetson Residence*).
- A variance application was submitted for a roof sign located at 1100 West Coast Highway (*Tesla*).
- A comprehensive sign program application was submitted for 3116 Newport Boulevard and 404 32nd Street (*WM Harold Jewelers and Sabatino's*).

- A comprehensive sign program application was submitted for 900-1090 Bayside Drive (*Bayside Shopping Center*).
- A comprehensive sign program application was submitted for 2540 to 2542 W. Coast Highway and 106 to 110 Tustin Avenue (*McLaren Auto Center*).
- A telecom permit application was submitted to replace antennas at an existing telecom facility at 4302 Ford Road (*AT&T*).
- A telecom permit application was submitted to replace antennas with 12 new panel antennas and install matching screening to stealth antennas at an existing telecom facility at 3333 W. Coast Highway (*AT&T*).
- A telecom permit application was submitted for a new telecom facility at 2131 Westcliff Drive. The project includes placing the antennas on the rooftop of an existing three-story office building. The proposed work exceeds the height limit and therefore requires City Council approval (*AT&T*).
- A tentative parcel map application was submitted for a new two-unit condominium at 320 and 320½ Larkspur Avenue (*Palmer Residence*).
- A letter requesting a setback determination for 3510 Second Avenue (*John McNeely*).

Quick Hits

- Staff received an inquiry at the public counter regarding the potential addition of a convenience store component to an existing service station. The customer had several questions ranging from zoning designation to signage and setback standards. Staff provided all requested information and also informed the customer of the steps required to amend the existing use permit.
- A customer requested information at the public counter about the potential to subdivide a rather large residential property in Corona del Mar. Staff provided the requested information and informed the customer that General Plan Land Use Policy 4.2 only allows new residential subdivisions that increase density with a General Plan amendment. In addition, a Coastal Land Use Plan Amendment would be required to address the proposed change in density.
- A representative of Von's at 2660 San Miguel Drive called and inquired about the City's requirements for a Type 86, instructional tasting permit alcohol license from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). Staff informed the caller that a minor use permit would be required by the City in order to allow accessory on-site wine tasting.
- Staff received an inquiry about opening a small quick food/candy store within Cannery Village or along 15th Street. Staff informed the customer that if the location is more than 500 feet from a residential zone, it would be allowed by right. Otherwise a minor use permit would be required.

Kudos

- Planning Commission recommended approval of the Frog House General Plan, Coastal Land Use Plan, and Zoning Code amendment on April 7, 2011. The owner of the establishment expressed his gratitude to the Commission on the signage in front of the surf shop. The Frog House leaps to the next step at City Council on May 10, 2011.
- Staff received the following comment after completing a Zoning Compliance Letter, "On behalf of WISCO, thank you for expediting our application."



Code Enforcement Division

Hoarding

The Code Enforcement Division has received an increasing number of calls related to "hoarding." Staff is working with the Orange County Social Services Agency to provide assistance to those residents whom hoarding affects. Because of the increase in the number of complaints related to hoarding, staff thought it might be helpful to provide the following information regarding hoarding.

Hoarding is a complicated disorder involving both cognitive and emotional issues that can negatively impact the health and safety of the person who hoards as well as others who live in or around the hoarded residence. Individuals who hoard have an obsessive need to acquire and keep things, often of little or no value, and unsanitary. Television programs such as *Hoarders* have brought much attention to this condition and more residents are noticing this problem within their community. Compulsive hoarding is a serious behavioral condition which affects many people's lives and unfortunately Newport Beach is not immune.

Possible signs of hoarding include: blocked entries and exits due to the accumulation of materials; large piles of combustible materials, such as newspapers, magazines, or used food containers; and/or foul odors emanating from the home.

How to help: People who hoard typically are experiencing many issues which call for the assistance of others to help them recover. Healing from hoarding requires an individual and community response. If you observe hoarding patterns or know of someone who could benefit from help of this condition, please contact the Newport Beach Code Enforcement Division at (949) 644-3215 or visit the City's website www.newportbeachca.gov to file a complaint using QUEST.

The following agencies provide assistance to individuals who live in or around a hoarding residence: County of Orange Health Care Agency Older Adult Services: (714) 972-3700; County of Orange Social Services Agency Adult Protective Services: (800) 451-5155.

Public Outreach

Code Enforcement staff attended the Corona Del Mar Residents Association and CDM Business Improvement District Annual Town Meeting at the Sherman Library and Gardens on April 20, 2011. Staff answered code enforcement related questions and demonstrated how to file complaints or inquiries using QUEST, the City's online reporting system.

Court Appearances

Code Enforcement Supervisor Matt Cosyion and Building Inspector Paul LeClaire represented the City in Small Claims Court against a lawsuit resulting from a Building/Code Enforcement investigation. The judge ruled in the City's favor and agreed to dismiss the case. Thanks to Deputy City Attorney Kyle Rowen for preparing all the legal documents for this case.

Additionally, Code Enforcement Supervisor Matt Cosyion responded to a subpoena and gave testimony in court relative to an ongoing code enforcement investigation.

Building Division

Construction Activity

Construction valuation of building permits issued during March was up in all categories including new single family dwellings, residential additions and alterations and commercial tenant improvements. (See attached report.)

Collecting Fees at the Permit Counter

With the help of Administrative Services Department, building permit technicians have been trained to collect building permit and plan check fees at the building permit counter. This is more convenient to our customers who previously went to the cashier to pay the fees.



**Newport Beach Fire Department
Office of the Fire Chief**

DATE: April 22, 2011
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager
FROM: Mike Morgan, Fire Chief
SUBJECT: CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

Centennial Celebration

The first event for the Fire Department's Centennial Year was a "Pancake Breakfast and Open House" on Saturday, April 9, 2011, hosted by the Newport Beach Firefighters' Association. This was a free event for the public to come help us celebrate our 100th year. The event was well attended by the community and we appreciated the support of everyone who attended!



Other Upcoming Events:

The Firefighters' Association will also be hosting the 2011 Firefighter Olympics during the week of July 10-15, 2011. The Newport Beach Fire Department is deeply rooted in this community



and enjoys a tremendous amount of support from both the City and the citizens we serve. The driving factor in hosting the games was to provide an opportunity for the Firefighters' Association to show our appreciation for the continued support we receive. The Olympics routinely draws over 4,000 firefighters and family members to the host City.

Newport Beach Fire Department Centennial Badges & Bulletins

The Newport Beach Fire Department has issued new "Centennial" badges to commemorate the Department's 100 years of service to the community.

At the City Council meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m., Fire Chief Mike Morgan and Newport Beach Firefighters Association President Captain Brian McDonough presented ceremonial "Centennial" badges to the City Council and the Civil Service Board. The event coincides with the Newport Beach Fire Department becoming official on April 17, 1911, with the passing of ordinance No. 65.



Please go to our website www.nbfd.net or <http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=1818> for the history and photos of the Newport Beach Fire Department's throughout our 100 year history.

The new badges were purchased by the individual firefighter or staff person. No city funds were used to purchase the new badges.

Additionally, Retired Firefighter Mike Novak has created historical bulletins about various topics. You can check out these informative Bulletins on our website or Facebook. If you follow us on Facebook you will be alerted every time a new one released. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/NBFire> to "Like" us.



Earthquake and Tsunami Awareness Workshop

Mark your calendars!

Tuesday, April 26

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Oasis Senior Center, 801 Narcissus, Room 2

An hour-long workshop will teach Newport Beach residents about earthquake and tsunami threats. The workshop will also cover how the City will respond to unexpected earthquake and tsunami threats, as well as what residents can do to prepare themselves for these potentially catastrophic events. The workshop will be taught by Newport Beach Fire Department Emergency Management personnel. The workshop is free of charge and no registration is necessary.

For more information, please call 949-644-3112 or email nbcert@nbfd.net.

Firefighter Training

On Wednesday, April 13, Newport Beach Firefighters participated in Swing Stage training, or high-rise scaffolding and hoist training at the Newport Gateway high-rise in Newport Beach. Newport Window Maintenance, OLYMPIQUE Façade Access Consulting, and the Irvine Company hosted this training to firefighters on hoist operations and proper rescue techniques.



Last year, firefighters responded to an incident in which a swing stage, or high-rise scaffolding, malfunctioned in Newport Center. Firefighters were needed to assist in a rescue of two workers.

Due to the precarious nature of this type of rescue, firefighters appreciated the training and expertise they received from Lead Instructor David Ortiz, OLYMPIQUE Façade Access Consulting, and Chip Butera, Newport Window Maintenance. The objectives of the training were as follows:

- Types of stages in use today
- Anchoring systems
- Normal operation
- Safety systems & procedures
- Common malfunctions
- Trouble shooting
- Rescue methods



Weed Abatement Program

It is that time of year again when the evil "weeds" begin to darken our hallowed door step. Firefighters will begin their inspections on the condition of the 186 private properties to ensure compliance with the Fire and Municipal Code. The initial inspection of all of the weed abatement assignments will be completed by May 7, 2011. Homeowners who are not compliant will receive the first round of violation notices after May 10.

Illegal weeds within the city are defined in the **Municipal Code Section 10.48.010** as that "which when mature bear the wingy or downy seeds, which will attain such a large growth as to become a fire menace when dry, or which are otherwise noxious or dangerous."

Section 10.48.020, Authority to Declare Nuisance and Abate, states the following to be a nuisance: "Dry grass, stubble, brush, garden refuse, litter, or other flammable material which constitutes a fire hazard or which, when dry, will in reasonable probability constitute a fire hazard."

Cal EMA January 2010 Storm Reimbursement

We received a check for \$51,473 from the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) for damage the City sustained during the January 2010 rain storms. Cal EMA offers a 10% administration fee for each project to help cover staff costs associated with applying for the damage reimbursement claims. To date, we have received \$85,256 in reimbursement claims for this disaster.

Granville HOA Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Meetings

On Monday's April 11th and 18th, the Newport Beach Fire Department disaster preparedness personnel participated in two Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness classes/CERT meetings for residents in Granville Homeowner's Association. The 1 ½ hour classes covered what residents need to do to prepare for unexpected disasters and how the city will respond. At each class, members of the Granville HOA board handed out disaster supply kits and a copy of the community's comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan. Granville Board members also informed the residents of the supplies that they have stored for the entire community. Both classes were well attended and the Granville community should be commended for their commitment to preparing their community.



CERT HAM Radio Class

Last week, the Newport Beach CERT program hosted its annual HAM radio class. The 16-hour class was taught by HAM radio expert Gordon West. All class participants passed their FCC license exam and will be officially given their "call signs" in the next few weeks. Following the three day HAM license class, another class was held on Wednesday, April 20th to teach participants how to program their radios, proper radio protocols and the standard operating procedures for the Newport Beach CERT Communicators and RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services) volunteers. CERT Communicators and RACES volunteers "check-in" every Monday night during their weekly "net" and currently over 80 Newport Beach neighborhoods participate.

Corona Del Mar Annual Town Hall Meeting



On Wednesday, April 20th, the Newport Beach CERT booth team participated in the Corona Del Mar Annual Town Hall meeting. They set-up a booth and handed out disaster preparedness information.



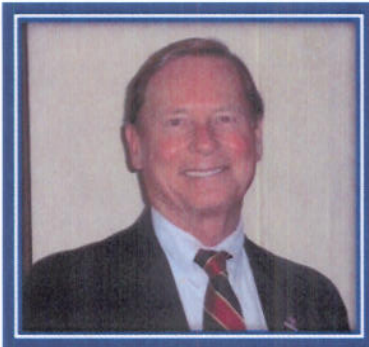
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT CITY MANAGER'S NEWSLETTER

DATE: April 22, 2011
TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager
FROM: Terri L. Cassidy, Director of Human Resources
SUBJECT: News from HR and Risk Management

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Terri L. Cassidy", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memo.

KELSEY'S CORNER

Maiqual "Mike" Talbot, Civil Service Board Member



Board Member Talbot was appointed by Council to the Civil Service Board June 23, 2009.

Mike's motto is, "Serve your country, serve your community," and he lives by that belief. In addition to serving his second year on the Civil Service

Board, he holds the rank of Major for the Judge

Advocate General's (JAG) Corps of the California State Military Reserve. Mr. Talbot has also served on a number of advisory committees (Environmental Quality Citizens Advisory Committee, Environmental Quality Affairs Advisory Committee, Parks, Beaches and Recreation Committee) for our City, as well as being a lecturer for the State Bar of California and serving on various science and industry committees and boards. These various experiences have given him a solid background with diverse knowledge making him a veteran of service.

He has lived and worked in Newport Beach for well over 30 years and enjoys serving on the Board and participating in the employee appeals process. As a Board Member, he objectively listens to the material presented and makes a

decision based on the Rules for the Civil Service System and the City's policies and procedures. Many hours and days are spent on Appeal Hearings to ensure that the appealing employee's rights are protected.

"Mike" feels the Board's biggest accomplishments, since the beginning of his tenure, has been their contribution to the development of the new ordinance and procedures for the Civil Service System and successful completion of the Police Department's promotional process.

In his spare time, Mike enjoys flying an Air Force T-34 with the Reserve and participating in other outdoor activities, such as surfing, sailing, working out, camping and hiking. He appreciates the opportunity to serve our beautiful community.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR

Human Resources hosted a retirement seminar Tuesday, April 5. We were fortunate to have Frank Van Nostrand, Public Affairs Specialist from Social Security, and Connie Molloy, Retirement Program Specialist from the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS). They provided valuable information to those employees planning their retirement. In addition, we welcomed back Cathy Matusiewicz, Regional Director from Great West, and Kristin Ferris, Regional Director with OptumHealth Financial Services, two very familiar and friendly faces. We appreciate the time and resources that were provided to over 30 employees. Employees contemplating retirement, please contact Human Resources at extension 3256 for materials, resources from the seminar and any questions.



LIBRARY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Library – Cultural Arts



April 22, 2011

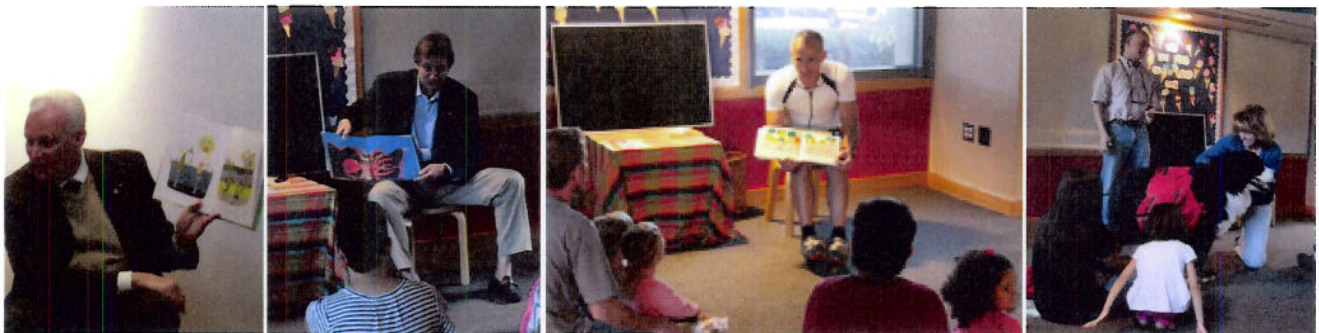
To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Cynthia Cowell, Library Services Director

Subject: City Manager's Newsletter

National Library Week

We celebrated National Library Week with lots of activities throughout the week. We really appreciate the support and participation by City Manager Dave Kiff, Mayor Michael Henn and all the City Council Members in our Storytimes with Local Leaders. Other programs included the Silly Science Show at Central, Animal Tales and Musical Scales at Balboa, Wildlife America at Corona del Mar and Puppets and Magic at Mariners. A DSLS event with Dave Eggers was held on Friday and Saturday and a Sunday Musicales on Sunday.



Admin Retreat

The Library's Admin Team participated in an all day, off-site meeting on Wednesday to discuss future challenges and opportunities. In particular, the team worked to develop a strategy for staffing, scheduling, programming, space reorganizing and other areas affected by the expansion construction.

Construction Update

Construction work behind the Library is becoming more up-close and personal every day. This week, the construction team amazed us all by skillfully removing slate tiles from the back of the building with minimal disturbance. They have also begun drilling for foundation pilings for the expansion project.

Bake Sale Raises Money for Relay for Life

Baked goods ranging from banana bread to fudge and Easter cupcakes were snatched up quickly in the Bake Sale fundraiser for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life on Thursday. The event was organized by Debbie Walker and Melissa Kelly. Many of the staff donated delicious baked goods – and even more bought and ate them!

Melissa Hartson and Debbie Walker display goodies for Bake Sale fundraiser



Cultural Arts Services

2011 Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale



The Newport Beach Art Exhibition and Sale was well-attended and enjoyed by many artists and art collectors in the community. Several of the works sold, and the Newport Beach Arts Foundation members volunteered their time to coordinate sales for the artists. The Arts Commissioners presented a successful event, and were grateful to Jean Stern, Executive Director of the Irvine Museum, for attending as juror for the show. Special thanks also to the National Charity League for the young women who assisted in setting up the exhibit.



Award winners in 2011 include: Magie Smith Fleisher for First Place with her sculpture "White on White"; Jane Shehane, Second Place with her watercolor "San Juan Mission Bell Tower"; Casey Sullivan, Third Place for her mixed media piece "What Do You See"; and Ed Hart, Honorable Mention for his wood sculpture "Over There". In addition six Judge's Choice Awards were presented: Mutlu Ertac for "Flowers", Kay Halcrow for "Stormy Bay", Ting-Ting Lee for "Capistrano Fountain", Patty McSwain for "Windy Night", Ferial Nassirzadeh for "Clementines and Water Jug", and Luis Antonio Vargas for "Defeating the Demons". Many thanks to Oasis Senior Center for hosting an exhibition of the award-winning sculpture and 2-dimensional artwork in the center's lobby through mid-June.

Let Your Imagination Soar

Plans are progressing for the Imagination Celebration "Let Your Imagination Soar" family arts event scheduled for Sunday, May 15 from 12-3pm at Mariners Park. Artistic Director, Hiep Nguyen will return this year with his "Circle Painting" program where children (with parents) participate in a group mural-making project. This year, along with the murals there will be hands-on art projects in the Mariners Library Jorgensen Room and in the courtyard. Don Covell of Don Covell Entertainment will provide music for little listeners at the event. Some exciting news is that we are looking into ways to display the narrow murals that will be created on the pillars in front of the Crean/Mariners branch library entryway.

Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens

The tour to the Huntington will take place on Wednesday, May 4. There are still just a few seats available and the public is welcome to sign up for a fun day of culture and art in San Marino. The Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens is famous for its collection of outstanding European and American art including Gainsborough's *Blue Boy*, Lawrence's *Pinkie* and Cassatt's *Breakfast in Bed*. This event will also include a tour of the new Chinese Gardens, and a high-tea luncheon in the English Tea Room. For further information please call the Cultural Arts Office: (949) 717-3870.



MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

April 22, 2011

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager
FROM: Mark Harmon, Municipal Operations Director
SUBJECT: City Manager's Newsletter

Updated LED Fixtures

Municipal Operations and Public Works Departments are nearing completion of the replacement of streetlights along San Joaquin Hills Road between Jamboree Road and Macarthur Boulevard.

The upgrade includes the installation of new concrete poles and the LED (light-emitting diodes) light fixtures, which will prove to be a major energy and cost savings to the City, and will require less maintenance in the future. LEDs are small light sources that become illuminated by the movement of electrons through a semiconductor material.



Spring Season Preparation

Area beaches and surrounding commercial districts have been busy with visitors as a result of the nice weather and the staggered Spring Break schedules from the neighboring schools.

In preparation for the season, the Beach Maintenance Crew is pulling lifeguard towers forward, removing wind fencing, pushing back wind-blown sand and grooming the oceanfront beaches. In order to ensure safety and increase maintenance coverage during this busy season, the Beach Maintenance Division will move to their summer season schedule (5:00am start time) starting on Monday, April 25th. Increased maintenance staffing for the high profile beach commercial districts has also been implemented. These staffing and maintenance schedules will remain in place until after Labor Day weekend.

CDM State Beach Picnic Area Improvements



During the winter months, the Corona del Mar State Beach picnic area closed for its annual turf maintenance activities.

In addition to the maintenance activities, staff installed new barbecue grills, concrete pad and tables, and hot coal dispensers to the picnic area. Beachgoers are dissuaded from cooking or using open flames on the beaches other than in designated fire rings.

Arbor Day Celebration

The 2011 Arbor Day Celebration was held at Harbor View Elementary School on Tuesday, April 19th. Staff planned the event with the assistance of School Principal Charlene Metoyer. Parks and Trees Superintendent Dan Sereno emceed the event and provided a presentation on the transformation of Newport Beach over the past 70 years, from an area with very few trees to one containing the beautiful urban forest of today. The day's festivities included:

- Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Gardner presenting the Arbor Day Proclamation to Principal Metoyer and over 60 students;
- Marie Marston, Chair of the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission speaking on the importance of trees as a natural resource;
- Thomas Shoots, Urban Forester (Southern Region) with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and City Parks and Trees Superintendent Dan Sereno presenting the Tree City USA Flag and Growth Award to Mayor Pro Tem Gardner and Principal Metoyer;
- 3rd grade students reading original Arbor Day poems; and
- Dan Sereno leading the Student Council in the planting of several trees adjacent to the school at Grant Howald Park.





NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 21, 2011

TO: Dave Kiff, City Manager
FROM: Jay R. Johnson, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: NEWSLETTER

POLICE RUNNING TEAM TAKES 1ST PLACE IN BAKER TO VEGAS 120-MILE CHALLENGE CUP RELAY.



For the seventh year in a row, the Newport Beach Police Department's Running Team placed first in their category at the Baker to Vegas 120-Mile Challenge Cup Relay. Running teams from approximately 261 law enforcement agencies from around the world competed in the 27th annual relay that was held last weekend, April 16 and 17. The Newport Beach team has placed first in its category 9 times in the last 11 years. This year, the team placed first in the 150 division (departments with up to 150 officers) and 18th overall.

The 20 runners, 5 alternates, and a team of approximately 20 support personnel from the Newport Beach Police Department participated in the grueling 120-mile race in nearly 100 degree temperatures that crossed the desert through the winding back roads of the Mojave Desert. The non-stop race began 24 miles outside the town of Baker, California, Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. and ended in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Sunday morning around 7 a.m. The team completed the event in 15 hours, 10 minutes.

Sponsors of the running team include: Honda World, Newport Beach Land Rover, G&W Towing, Metro Towing, Mark Cardelucci, and the Newport Beach Retirees Association.

Relay for Life "Fight Cancer with the Cops"

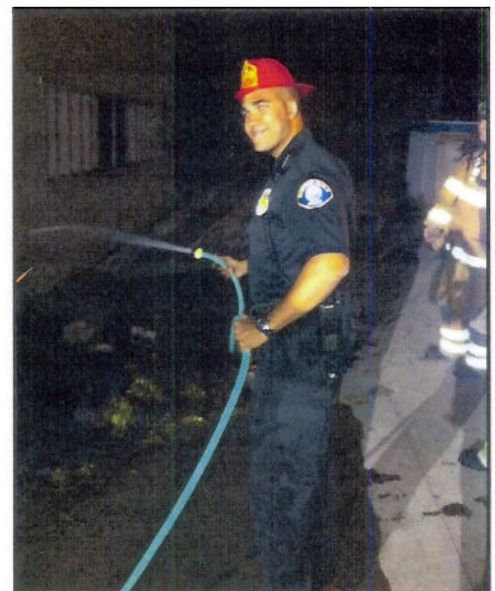
Please join us for a dinner fund raiser at Ruby's Diner, 2505 E. Coast Highway, Corona Del Mar, on Thursday, April 28, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m., where Newport Beach Police Officers and Newport Beach Explorers (911 Blue Crew) will provide food service under the "Fight Cancer with the Cops" Program to benefit the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life campaign. Ruby's Diner has graciously agreed to donate 20 percent of the night's proceeds to the American Cancer Society on behalf of the 911 Blue Crew for the services provided. Please bring a flyer with you, and present it to the server, who will be a Newport Beach Police Department employee. Additional flyers are available at the Police Department, City Hall, or by contacting Sergeant Shontel Sherwood at 949-644-3775. Bring your family, friends, and coworkers.

The Relay for Life will kick off at the Newport Harbor High School outdoor track on May 21, at 9 a.m., and will end the following morning at 9 a.m. Team members will walk around the Newport Harbor High School track, continuously, for 24 hours. The 911 Blue Crew is hoping to raise a total of \$5,000 to donate to the American Cancer Society.

Honorary Firefighter of the Day

On April 20, at 12:01 a.m., Newport Beach Police Dispatch reported a trash can fire in the alley behind the 400 block of Santa Ana Avenue. K9 Officer Roland Stucken (pictured right) notified Dispatch to relay to the Newport Beach Fire Department that he was battling the blaze with a garden hose, and the fire was under control. Newport Beach Fire Department personnel responded to the location and determined the fire was the result of oily rags spontaneously combusting. The Fire Department was so impressed with the quick and decisive actions demonstrated by Officer Stucken, they made him an honorary Firefighter of the Day.

Jay R. Johnson
CHIEF OF POLICE



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

City Manager's Newsletter



To: David A. Kiff, City Manager
From: Stephen G. Badum, Public Works Director
Date: April 22, 2011

MOD and IT to the Rescue

Due to the relocation of staff, the former Code Enforcement / Water Quality trailer was no longer needed. The company that leased the trailer to us came to City Hall last Friday morning to retrieve it from the front lawn. Upon arrival, it immediately became apparent that the one person crew dispatched by the trailer company would need additional assistance.

A call placed to the City's MOD and IT crews sprung them into action. Staff assisted by detaching and removing of the metal staircase; crawling under the trailer to mechanically lift it up and remove it from the ground supports; attaching the six tires required for towing; protecting the at-grade utility conduit under the trailer from damage during the move; giving directions to the truck driver to safely pull the trailer off the front lawn; and removing the trailer seismic tie-downs that were buried in the lawn.

Many thanks to MOD and IT on their invaluable help in making the trailer removal possible!





To: Dave Kiff, City Manager

From: Laura Detweiler, Recreation & Senior Services Director

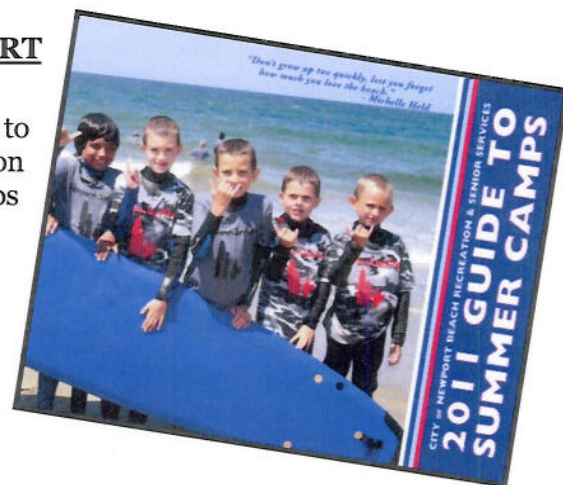
Date: April 22, 2011

LOOK OUT FOR A SUMMER OF FUN IN NEWPORT BEACH

The *2011 Guide to Summer Camps* in Newport Beach was mailed to residents in March and summer camp registration began on Thursday, March 24. With a 10% discount on all summer camps through May 5, staff anticipates another busy season!

New camps to look for this summer include:

- Surf and Fun, directed by Newport Surf Camp
- Youth Stand Up Paddle Camp, directed by Newport Aquatic Center
- USC Futbol Academy: Training for Champions
- Prehistoric Adventures
- GLEE Camp directed by Edutainment Arts
- Bridge the Gap Summer Camp from K-1st directed by Beginner Blocks
- Baking and Pastry Arts Camp directed by Erika Benveniste-Sauber
- Girls Basketball Camp directed by Trifytt Sports.



AQUATICS

On April 30, private swim lessons will begin at Marian Bergeson Aquatic Center located at Corona del Mar High School. Spring lessons have increased in popularity and are nearly at capacity. First session of lessons will run Saturdays for four weeks, with a second session beginning May 28 at a cost of \$90. Parents are excited to get their children back in the pool with their favorite instructors from last summer.

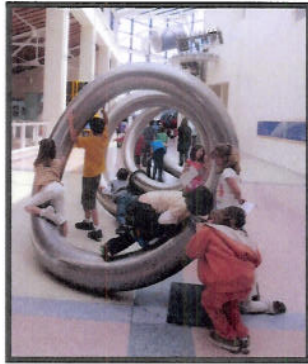
AQUATIC STAFF TO THE RESCUE

Adina Zepfel, a freshman at George Washington University who went through the Newport Beach Aquatics training program last year and became certified in first aid and CPR, encountered a potentially life threatening situation on April 11 while at school. She and a friend witnessed a student experiencing a seizure on the floor. Someone called 9-1-1, while Adina who thought quickly on her feet approached the victim and turned him on his side to prevent choking. She then stayed with him until the paramedics arrived on scene to take over the situation. Adina's fast thinking and first aid experience potentially helped to save this student's life.



SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

During spring break last week, day campers enjoyed games, crafts, and a fun field trip to the California Natural History Museum and Science Center in Los Angeles! At the Museum, campers learned about mammals, dinosaurs, and California history. They also participated in activities and experiments provided at the Science Center. Forty-nine kids attended Spring Break Camp, which was the highest enrollment in the past five years. Congratulations to the Senior Recreation Leaders and Recreation Leaders for making this spring break a fun and educational week for the day campers!



WESTERN SNOWY PLOVERS HAVE MONITORS

On March 24 and again on April 2, interested volunteers attended meetings to discover more about the threatened Western Snowy Plovers that nest along the Balboa Peninsula and how they could help preserve this threatened species from becoming endangered. Beginning immediately, these volunteer monitors will generously donate 8 hours a month walking the "dunes" between B and G Streets observing the bird's behavior as well as public outreach.

The Western Snowy Plover is a small shorebird that weighs up to 2 ounces and is between 6 and 6½ inches long. Its average life span is about 3 years. These birds breed along the coast from early March to late September. Snowy Plover chicks leave the nest within hours after hatching to search for food, but are not able to fly for about a month. Human activity on beaches, such as walking, jogging, walking pets during the plover breeding season can inadvertently cause destruction of eggs and chicks.



The Western Snowy Plover was designated as a threatened species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in 1991. Biologists estimate that no more than 2,270 Snowy Plovers breed along the Pacific Coast of the United States. The species' decline has been attributed to the loss of nesting habitat, human disturbance, and encroachment of invasive plants on nesting grounds and predation. FWS has issued a new proposal that nearly doubles the acreage designated as Critical Habitat. Critical Habitat is a provision under the Endangered Species Act that identifies geographic areas containing features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species, which may require special management.

In addition to the observations of the trained monitors, the Marine Protection division is in the process of erecting dune fencing to deter people, dogs and other predators from the Snowy Plovers' nesting areas, and also will be issuing a letter to nearby residents explaining the purpose of these actions and asking their assistance with compliance.



Marine Protection is always seeking more volunteers to help with this effort. If interested, please contact Michelle Clemente by email mclemente@newportbeachca.gov or phone 949-644-3036.



OASIS NEWS

Tax Assistance - OASIS has just completed 11 weeks of the AARP-IRS Tax Aide Program. Seven dedicated tax counselors met with 275 individuals to electronically file their Federal and State income tax returns. This Tax Program has been helping people file their tax returns for over 25 years at OASIS. The process has gone from paper returns to laptop computers supplied by the AARP-IRS Tax Aide Program to now utilizing the new OASIS Computer Lab to file online. This was the most efficient year to date and the clients were all extremely appreciative.

Special Events

- OASIS hosted the Maple Youth Ballet in mid-April for an inside peek into their upcoming performance of "Alice in Wonderland". Dancers performed excerpts of the play, narrated by Director, Charles Maple, in full costume for the fifty seniors in attendance.
- Wednesday, April 27th is OASIS' annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon to recognize and thank all of the individuals that give their time to the various programs at OASIS. Tupua Productions, a frequent performer at Don the Beachcomber and The Reef, will perform a Polynesian dance show and serenade for volunteers. A Hawaiian style lunch will also be provided by Jay's Catering.

Classes and Activities- Music classes and groups continue to grow at OASIS! The long-time ukulele group is going strong with close to 100 people strumming along with leader Tony Cappa every Monday afternoon. Senior Marianne Ripley leads a weekly hula lesson for 20 women.



Also, a new group called the "Sing and Pick Hootenanny Group" provides a place for senior musicians to jam together to folk and country songs. Other musical groups include Sing Along, Line Dancing, and Zumba- a Latin based dance/fitness class.



Quote of the Day

The power of imagination makes us infinite.

-John Muir

<u>Upcoming Events</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Responsible Staff</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Location</u>
Carroll Beek Grand Re-Opening	5/20	5:30pm	Matt Lohr	644-3164	Carroll Beek
Summer Class Registration	5/26	8:00am	Racquel Valdez	644-3151	
Summer Camps Begin	6/27	all times	Racquel Valdez	644-3151	Locations around the City

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